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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new school term. We will be starting a new cross curricular theme of '**All Around Me**' which is based on our school and especially geography of the local area. We will also be investigating what it was like to be at school in the past, and in particular in Victorian Times. On Monday 4 February we will be having a themed day and stepping back in time. Oxfordshire Museum Service will visit our class and we will take part in a workshop - **School Days in the Past**. The children are invited to dress up as a school child from the past, if they would like to.

The Blue Cross will be coming into our class to talk to us about caring for pets on Wednesday 23 January, and this is to enhance our science unit which is based on the theme of **Pets**. We will be turning our role play area into a Vets during this part of the term, please let me know if you have any suitable resources that we could borrow for this project.

Home Learning tasks will continue being sent home on a Friday, and need to be returned on a Wednesday, in order to be marked. Year 1 tasks will commence this term. Please continue hearing your child read, using the Reading Record to add any comments on home reading.

Below is an outline of the curriculum areas and what we will be learning about.

English	Poems about animals Fiction: Stories in familiar settings Non-fiction: Information texts on pets Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling activities RWI – daily sessions Handwriting exercises
Maths	Odd and Even Numbers Multiplication and Division Time Graphs Money
Science	Animals including humans: - My body - The senses - Grouping Animals - Imaginary Pets - Keeping a pet healthy and happy Seasons: Winter
IT	We are Photographers – images of the school and local area
History/Geography	Our School in the past (Museum Service visit) Our School and the Local Area: - Where do I live? - Our Classroom - Where is our school? - Fieldwork around the school - Getting to school - Marvellous maps

Art/DT	Klee – How artists see homes
RE	The Jewish celebration of Passover
PE	Gym (Tuesday) Games (Thursday) – Year 1; Forest School – Year 2
Music	Creating and performing musical compositions
PSHE	Dreams and Goals

Our School value for this term is Resilience and we will be exploring this theme as a whole school as well as in our class assembly times.

Mrs McConaghy will be working with Cherwell Class on Tuesdays for this coming term.

Forest School will continue on Thursdays, with one year group at a time having this experience. Year 2 will have the first slot up to the half term break.

If you would like any further details on the term or have any questions please let me know. Thank you for your support.

Julie Ilesley
Cherwell Class Teacher